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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/506,540	Applicant(s) OSHIDA ET AL.
	Examiner D. Rutledge	Art Unit 2851

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2007 (an RCE and a IDS).
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/136/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/07
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. This Office Action is in response to the Request for Continued Examination received on 11 September 2007.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement have been reviewed. Note that the European Patent Office Search Report was not received. A copy must be submitted.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a, e) as being anticipated by Zhai et al. (WO 02/073245, cited by applicant).

Zhai et al. have a rotating modulator 56 (seen in at least Figs. 2, 3) which varies wavefronts of light and comprises a surface which is processing in a radial form so that its sectional view varies in height in a near sinusoidal fashion.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1 – 23 are allowed.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art does disclose a method of illumination having the steps of emitting light from a plurality of sources and having an integrator to form secondary light sources images and using a condenser to overlap the secondary light source images and illuminate a region to be illuminated. The prior does not disclose or suggest adjusting the divergence angle to stay within a ratio of 1 versus 1.5 with respect to any two directions with a plane vertical to an optical axis of the emitted light flux. The prior art does not disclose or suggest a method of illumination wherein the integrator comprises rod lenses and wherein the ration r_1/r_0 between an aspect ratio r_1 of the sectional shape of each rod lens that is perpendicular to an optical axis thereof, and an aspect ratio r_0 of the region to be illuminated, is 0.8 or more and 1.2 or less.

Response Data

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. Rutledge whose telephone number is (571) 272-2127. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs, 6:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diane Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Art Unit 2851

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